

Have you been discriminated against in a housing situation?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Brief description of legal problem:

You were discriminated against because of your:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Race | Color |
| Religion | Sex |
| National Origin | Handicap |
| Children | |

The Fair Housing Project

West Tennessee Legal Services is available to provide information concerning a person's rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act. If you believe you are a victim of discrimination in housing, contact us at 800.372.8346 or 731.423.0616 for assistance. When necessary, staff can assist you in filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or other appropriate administrative or judicial bodies.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against in a housing situation, please fill out and return the reply card attached to this brochure. A housing counselor will discuss the situation with you and help you to decide what to do next. Your response to us will be kept confidential.

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For more information or to apply for assistance:

West Tennessee Legal Services
www.wtls.org
Toll Free: 1-800-372-8346 ext. 1250
Fax: 731-423-2600
Email: wtls@wtls.org

Memphis Fair Housing Center
www.malsi.org
200 Jefferson Ave. Suite 1075
Memphis, TN 38103
901-432-4663

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee & the Cumberlands
www.las.org
1321 Murfreesboro Pike, Suite 400
Nashville, TN 37217
615-244-6610

Legal Aid of East Tennessee
www.laet.org
607 W Summit Hill Dr. SW Knoxville, TN 37902
865-637-0484.



**WEST TENNESSEE
LEGAL SERVICES**

**Disabilities
and Fair
Housing**

West Tennessee Legal Services has received a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to enforce fair housing laws, investigate allegations of discrimination and provide community education. This grant will enable us to enhance the efforts in Fair Housing related to persons with disabilities.

The project will serve the entire community, including Individuals and Families, Support Groups, and Social Service Organizations.

OUR PLAN

- More freedom of housing choices for people with disabilities
- Increased inclusion of people with disability into local communities
- Better Community acceptance and attitudes toward people with disabilities and awareness of their needs and rights
- Less barriers to inclusion because of increase enforcement of Fair Housing rights through testing, advocacy, and awareness
- Community Education

OUR PURPOSE

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW!

What to do...

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Some examples of illegal discrimination under the federal Fair Housing Act based upon protected class membership are:

- False denial of availability based on class membership.
"Sorry we just rented the last unit."
- Refusal to deal because of class membership.
"We don't rent to families with children."
- Discriminatory terms and conditions and provision of services or facilities because of class.
"The rent is \$200 higher for the disabled."
- Refusal to permit a reasonable modification to the unit at the expense of the person with a disability, in order that the person may have full enjoyment of the unit.
"You may not install a ramp to the porch or grab bars in the bathroom."
- Denial of a reasonable accommodation to the rules and regulations of rental in order that the person with a disability may have equal opportunity to use and fully enjoy their unit.
"It's against the rules to have another person live with you, even though there is enough room and the person is necessary to help you with your health needs."
- Discriminatory Advertising
"Handicapped persons need not apply."